

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yukitoshi TAKEUCHI, et al.) : Examiner: James A. Thompson
Application No.: 09/899,022) : Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: July 6, 2001) : Confirmation No: 3535
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS) :
AND ORIGINAL COVER THEREOF) : October 31, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith in the above-identified application. Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2007, please amend the application as follows: